

To Whom It May Concern:

Satellite radio is the best thing that has happened to radio since its invention. The content is far superior to the mush that is served up on most commercial stations.

Regular AM/FM reception is poor when I'm driving through the mountains in my area. XM comes through crystal clear and I use the traffic and weather as a valuable tool to plan or adjust my commute.

What this country does not need are any more regulations. Do broadcasters really care about protecting traffic and weather as local content, or are they just terrified of the inroads being made by satellite radio? If they can't beat the content, then I guess they figure they can use the smokescreen of local content to get government regulation to do their job for them.

I urge you to reject NAB's petition 04-160.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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